

Moran Receives Growing Support for Legislation

Testimony at Hearing Supports Preventing Flawed EPA Rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran heard testimony at a House Agriculture Committee meeting today advocating the need to correct flawed provisions in the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which are limiting the potential for clean, homegrown renewable biofuels to meet America's energy needs. Moran introduced legislation to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing unfair regulations that will have a negative effect on the biofuel industry.

"Flawed provisions put in the 2007 energy legislation that developed the current RFS are being used by EPA to develop rules that place unreasonable restrictions on the biofuel industry," Moran said. "These provisions are detrimental to a struggling biofuel industry, and will do nothing except increase American reliance of foreign imports of oil. EPA's rule will also inhibit development of the next generation of biofuels. I introduced legislation to prevent EPA from moving ahead with using these flawed provisions."

Moran's legislation will amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit EPA from using unfair standards to determine lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions for biofuels. This includes prohibiting EPA from attributing greenhouse gas emissions from land use changes in foreign countries, like Brazil, to determine the domestic biofuel industry's total greenhouse gas emissions. The legislation will also allow individual biofuel producers, who incorporate innovative technology in their production process, greater flexibility in meeting the renewable fuel standard's greenhouse gas

emissions requirements. Finally, it will prevent individual states from developing their own low carbon fuel standards unless the state adopts federal biofuel emissions standards.

Moran's bill is necessary because the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) did not follow a proper committee review process. This enabled House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to add provisions that opened the door for EPA to use its current flawed standard. This legislation will correct the flawed process and guide the EPA to focus on direct lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, which will level competition between biofuels and regular gasoline diesel fuels.

Moran serves as a senior Member of the House Agriculture Committee.

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